

News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: December 2012

1. Collaboration on Future NIH News Releases and Other Media

In collaboration with your institution, NINR seeks to promote and disseminate published results of NINR-funded research through the publication of press releases and other media. Should you have an accepted research article (page proof) that you wish to share with NINR, please send an email to info@ninr.nih.gov.

2. Dr. Grady's Statement on the Passing of Senator Daniel K. Inouye

NINR mourns the death of the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, senior U.S. Senator from Hawaii and a true American hero. The Senator was a strong supporter of nursing and nursing research, and was instrumental in the establishment of the National Center for Nursing Research in 1985, and in the elevation of the Center to the National Institute of Nursing Research in 1993.

"Throughout his remarkable career, Senator Inouye was a tireless advocate and champion of nurses and nursing research," NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady said in a statement on his passing. "Indeed, he often remarked on the importance of nurses in his life, noting especially the care he had received following the injuries he suffered during his distinguished service in World War II."

"In honor of his life, we will continue our commitment to supporting research to build the scientific foundation for clinical practice, and to improve health and quality of life for all Americans," said Dr. Grady.

The statement is also available online at: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/AboutNINR/NINRDirectorsPage/inouye>.

3. 2013 Graduate Partnerships Program Application Deadline is January 3, 2013

The application period for the 2013 NINR Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) is now open.

The NINR GPP combines the academic environment of a university and the breadth and depth of research at NIH. The program is open to any doctoral (PhD) student currently enrolled in a school of nursing. Preference is given to applicants with a commitment to a career as an innovative and creative leader in the nursing and scientific research community and a research interest that is congruent with focused research areas in the NIH Intramural Research Programs.

For more information on the 2013 GPP, visit www.ninr.nih.gov/gpp or send an email with "NINR GPP" in the subject line to NINRIRPTraining@mail.nih.gov.

The application deadline is January 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

4. Dr. Grady Featured in Q&A by *Health Callings* on Career Trends for Nurse Researchers

In a recent interview with *Health Callings*, NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady discussed the impact of healthcare reform on nurse researchers and ways that those in the field can advance their careers.

"The whole system is changing to be more consumer-driven and increasingly located in fewer acute-care settings," Dr. Grady said in the interview. "There's also a focus on different kinds of healthcare issues and problems, and those are issues of an aging population, such as chronic illnesses, the multicultural nature of our society, end-of-life care and different care settings."

In the interview, Dr. Grady offered advice to professionals who are new to their nursing research careers—such as identifying a mentor and getting involved in research—but also offered guidance to mid-level professionals: “Their challenge, because they are very busy with everyday work and also doing research, is to stay up-to-date with technology and new methodologies,” she said. “They can often get a sabbatical — and I say take it and go learn something new and figure out how to bring it into your program. That’s really important.”

The full article is available online at: <http://career-news.healthcallings.com/2012/11/19/career-trends-for-nurse-researchers/>.

5. Dr. Grady and NINR-Funded Scientists Discuss Palliative Care in UCSF *Science of Caring* Magazine

NINR Director Dr. Patricia A. Grady discussed the current state of the palliative care field in the December issue of *Science of Caring* magazine, an online publication of the University of California - San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing.

In the article titled “Leading the Charge for More and Better Palliative Care,” Dr. Grady spoke to the distinction between palliative care and end-of-life care, how NINR has made the field an interdisciplinary research effort, and NINR’s role in advancing the field of palliative care.

Also in the December issue, Dr. Grady and several NINR-funded scientists, including Dr. J. Randall Curtis, Dr. Kathleen Dracup, Dr. Christine Miaskowski, Dr. Marie Nolan, and Dr. James Tulsky, discussed the growth of palliative care, advances in science and care, and next steps for the field in an article titled “Is this Palliative Care’s Moment?”

According to the article, “The growth of hospice care in this country has catalyzed a broader palliative care movement, one that assumes all patients who suffer from a serious, life-limiting disease—not just those actively dying—need symptom relief and supportive care to ease the stress of coping with their illness.”

The article, “Leading the Charge for More and Better Palliative Care,” is available online at: <http://scienceofcaring.ucsf.edu/acute-and-transitional-care/leading-charge-more-and-better-palliative-care>.

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6. Upcoming Training Opportunities through NINR’s Division of Intramural Research

The NINR Division of Intramural Research is training the next generation of nurse-scientists in its ongoing research programs as well as through intense short term training programs, such as the [Summer Genetics Institute](#) and the [Symptoms Methodologies Boot Camps](#) (Pain, Fatigue and Sleep).

Summer Genetics Institute (SGI):

Twenty-four participants (nursing doctoral faculty, doctoral students, and post-doctoral fellows) from over 20 universities across the country completed the four-week SGI in June 2012 and 254 have completed the program since 2000, resulting in numerous publications, and successful NIH training and research awards. The SGI has also contributed to the successful academic careers of many nurse scientists. **Applications for SGI 2013 will be accepted from Jan. 14-March 18, 2013, and SGI 2013 will take place June 3-28, 2013.**

Symptoms Methodologies Boot Camp:

The Fatigue and Sleep Methodologies Boot Camp is a one-week intensive training course on the NIH campus that provides a foundation in current fatigue and sleep methodologies for use in the participant's future research. Over 70 participants attended the Boot Camp in July 2012. **The Fatigue and Sleep Methodologies Boot Camp will be held July 22-26, 2013.**

These NINR Division of Intramural Research training efforts are an investment in the preparation of a strong cadre of nurse investigators and a nursing workforce capable of addressing future health care challenges and contributing to improvements in the nation's health.

To learn more about NINR's training for the next generation of scientists, visit:

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/Training/TrainingOpportunitiesIntramural/>.

7. Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR website at www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/FundingOpportunities/default.htm. These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html.